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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL: HARRY WALTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

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1. WORLD FOOD COUNCIL ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HARRY WALTERS (AMERICAN) DEPARTED ROME FOR PARIS SUNDAY MARCH 7. HE WILL DEPART PARIS TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 9, ARRIVING IN WASHINGTON TUESDAY EVENING, AFTER BRIEF TALKS IN NEW YORK. IN WASHINGTON, HE WILL STAY AT EMBASSY ROW HOTEL, AND WILL PARTICIPATE IN WORLD BANK'S RURAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR DURING REST OF WEEK.

2. ON MARCH 5, WALTERS EXPLAINED TO U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO PAPER THAT IS BEING PREPARED ON AGENDA ITEM 5B OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL (REFTEL). USING DATA FROM FAO, HE IS STRIKING OUT DEFICITS FOR OPEC COUNTRIES, AND ALSO DEFICITS FOR OTHER COUNTRIES WITH REASONABLY GOOD FOREIGN EXCHANGE SITUATIONS, SUCH AS TAIWAN AND KOREA. MAGNITUDE OF PROJECTIONS OF DEFICITS WILL THUS BE REDUCED GREATLY. WITH RESPECT TO RESOURCES, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAPER WILL SHOW SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN RESOURCES MADE AVAIL-

ABLE BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR INCREASING PRODUCTION IN
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. SUBSEQUENT SUB-ITEM OF CONSTRAINTS WILL
BE DISCUSSED FULLY. WALTERS BELIEVES PAPERS WILL BE THOR-
OUGHLY REALISTIC.

3. WALTERS WISHES TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE WITH U.S. OFFICIALS
WHILE HE IS IN WASHINGTON, AND ALSO ISSUE OF GRAIN RESERVES.
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